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Public Open House Scheduled for Dana to Downtown Project

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in participation with the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency, the City of Redding and the Federal Highway Administration will begin construction of the Dana to Downtown project in the Spring of 2008. The public is invited to an open house, Thursday, July 12, 2007 between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Turtle Bay Exploration Park to discuss the project. Representatives from Caltrans will be available to answer questions and provide the public an opportunity to view the design features and project details.

Located on State Route 44 between Interstate 5 and East Street, the Dana to Downtown project will relieve congestion in the Greater Redding metropolitan area, improve safety and reduce collisions. Project highlights include:

- Access ramp from Dana Drive to westbound SR 44 will give motorists direct westbound access to downtown from the Hilltop/Dana Drive area.
- Replacement of the Sacramento River Bridge with a larger, six-lane facility.
- Construction of a new Bike/Pedestrian path from the Hilltop/Dana Drive intersection to Turtle Bay.
- Replace the Auditorium Drive interchange with a wider, four-lane over crossing.
- Third lane eastbound between East Street and Park Marina Drive off-ramp.
- Third lane in each direction between Auditorium Drive ramps and I-5 ramps.
- Enhanced landscaping, lighting and aesthetics.

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